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ATHENS FOR SAUNDERS (WITH SECRETARY'S PARTY) FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, EG, US, IS
SUBJECT: ISRAELI AIRCRAFT SALE

1. I ASSUME YOU WILL HAVE SEEN LETTER FROM KING KHALID TO THE
PRESIDENT WITH THE LANGUAGE ABOUT THE US USING ITS WEIGHT WITH
ISRAEL. KHALID LETTER DID NOT MENTION QUESTION OF F-16/F-15
SALES TO ISRAEL, AND SUCH A DIRECT
REFERENCE WOULD IN ANY CASE NOT BE THE SAUDI STYLE. ITS TIMING,
HOWEVER, JUST AS FORTHCOMING WEIZMAN VISIT AND QUESTION OF AIR-
CRAFT SALES ARE BEGINNING TO ATTRACT ATTENTION IN ARAB WORLD,
SUGGESTS TO ME THAT THIS IS VERY LIKELY WHAT KHALID IS REFERRING
TO. YOU WILL ALSO RECALL THAT, WHILE
SECRETARY WAS MEETING WITH SADAT, VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK MADE
QUITE A POINT OF ASKING HOW WE COULD BE CONSIDERING AIRCRAFT SALES
TO ISRAEL WHEN NEGOTIATIONS ARE IN SUCH A CRITICAL PHASE.

2. ALL OF THIS SIMPLY UNDERLINES THE SUGGETION I ASKED BILL BRUBECK
TO RAISE THAT WE NEED TO BEGIN SOON PREPARING THE GOURND WITH CONSID-
ERABLE CARE IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES FOR THE PUBLICITY ABOUT PENDING
SALES TO ISRAEL THAT WILL INEVITABLY SURROUND THE WEIZMAN VISIT.
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